

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) A fabric covering, comprising:

a top;

a flexible protrusion that is rotatably connected to the top between a first position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a first distance from the top and a second position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a second distance from the top, the second distance being greater than the first distance; and

a support structure for preventing rotation of the flexible protrusion in a direction away from the first position to beyond the second position, the second position being arranged so that water runoff may be directed along the top and against the flexible protrusion.

42. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for a tent.

43. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the fabric covering comprises a canopy for a shelter.

44. (Currently Amended) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the elongate flexible protrusion comprises a flexible bead connected to the top.

45. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 44, wherein the flexible bead is attached to the top by a flexible strip of material.

46. (Currently Amended) The fabric covering of claim 45, A fabric covering, comprising:

a top;

a flexible protrusion that is rotatably connected to the top between a first position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a first distance from the top and a second position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a second distance from the top, the second distance being greater than the first distance;

a support structure for preventing rotation of the flexible protrusion in a direction away from the first position to beyond the second position, the second position being arranged so that water runoff may be directed along the top and against the flexible protrusion;

wherein the flexible protrusion comprises a flexible bead attached to the top by a flexible strip of material; and

wherein the flexible strip of material is connected to the top at a top end, forms a loop, and is connected back to the top end at an overlap section, and wherein the flexible bead is positioned in the loop.

47. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 46, wherein the support structure comprises the top end and the overlap section.

48. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 47, wherein the flexible strip and the flexible bead are arranged so that the loop and the flexible bead are rotatable upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip to the top.

49. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 48, wherein, when the flexible bead is rotated upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip, a back portion of the loop forms a wall that extends upward from the top.

50. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 49, wherein the wall extends at approximately a right angle to the top.

51. (Currently Amended) The fabric covering of claim 41, further comprising: A fabric covering comprising:

a top;

a flexible protrusion that is rotatably connected to the top between a first position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a first distance from the top and a second position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a second distance from the top, the second distance being greater than the first distance;

a support structure for preventing rotation of the flexible protrusion in a direction away from the first position to beyond the second position, the second position being arranged so that water runoff may be directed along the top and against the flexible protrusion; and

a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the flexible protrusion at a first end of the fabric downspout and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

52. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

53. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

54. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the fabric covering.

55. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an edge of the fabric covering.

56. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 55, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an entire edge of the covering.

57. (Previously Presented) A shelter comprising the fabric covering of claim 41 as a canopy.

58-71. (Cancelled).

72. (Currently Amended) A fabric covering, comprising:
a flexible gutter arranged to direct water along the fabric covering; and
a fabric downspout comprising a tube of fabric arranged to receive water flowing along the gutter at a first end of the fabric downspout and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout, the fabric downspout comprising a flexible bead attached to first end and configured to hold the first end of the tube of fabric open to receive water.

73-74. (Cancelled)

75. (Previously Presented) The fabric covering of claim 72, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the rain fly.

76. (Previously Presented) A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 72.

77. (Previously Presented) A shelter comprising the fabric covering of claim 72 as a canopy.

78. (New) A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 41.

79. (New) The tent of claim 78, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for the tent.

80. (New) A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 46.

81. (New) The tent of claim 80, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for the tent.

82. (New) A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 51.

83. (New) The tent of claim 82, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for the tent.